definition of 'couple' in the context of Transfer Guidelines for teachers. However, the transfer guidelines provide for transfer on request to join spouse, the applicability of which has undergone a change.

(b) Para 6B (iii) of the Transfer Guidelines approved by the Board of Governors in its 63rd meeting held on 21.7.98 is appended as a statement *(See* below). The need for change arose as the minimum period of stay of one year which was a requirement under the old guidelines has been removed. This will help the teachers whose spouse particularly in the defence sector, are frequently transferred to meet the needs of national security. Further, it has been stipulated that the transfer of teacher is to be considered when the spouse is transferred after the teacher has joined and been working in Kendriya Vidayalaya from where transfer is sought. This will restrict such transfers to genuine cases.

Statement

Transfer Guidelines as approved by the Board of Governors in its 63rd meeting held on 21.7.98

(Extract of para 6)

6. Subject to availability of vacancy, transfers will be effected by observing the following priorities:—

(a) Transfer on administrative grounds

(b) *Transfer on request:*

(i) Transfer for reasons of serious illness which, on the satisfaction of the Commissioner, K.V.S. according to procedure prescribed by him, necessitates such a transfer, for treatment away from the place of present posting.

(ii) Transfer from hard stations and NER (PGTs and above) on completion of tenure of three years.

(iii) Spouse cases provided the spouse is transferred after the teacher has joined and been working as such in the Kendriya Vidyalaya from where transfer is sought.

(iv) Transfer of unmarried ladies/divorced ladies/widows to a place of their convenience after completion of stay of one year at the station of posting.

(v) Transfer of physically handicapped provided the handicap has developed during the course of KVS service.

(vi) General cases.

(vii) Mutual transfers provided there is no other claimant of higher priority for both the stations.

"केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कर्मचारियों के विरूद्ध केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच"

730. **श्री राघवजी**
श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय के ऐसे शिक्षकों और केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के ऐसे अधिकारियों की संख्या तथा नाम क्या-क्या है जिनके केंद्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा विभिन्न आरोपों की जांच की जा रही है;

(ख) प्रत्येक मामले मे आरोपों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन आरोपी कर्मचारियों में से कुछ को निलंबिल किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

State HRD Ministers' Conference

731. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Human Resource Development Ministers' Conference recently held in Delhi was quite stormy and ended with lot of protests and walkouts; if so, what were the main points of disagreement;

(b) what was the outcome of the Conference and the salient amendments proposed or suggested; and

(c) whether his attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Vandana made must in U.P. Schools" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated October 30, 1998, if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) A Conference of Education Ministers of States and UTs was held in New Delhi on 22nd and 23rd October, 1998. The main focus of the Conference was to facilitate wider consultation between the Central and State Governments on items concerning education in the National Agenda for Governance, namely, universalising elementary education, eradication of illiteracy, free education for girls, educational upliftment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes and minorities and the qualitative improvement of the educational system as a whole. Some Ministers staged a walk-out during the inaugural session on the issue of Saraswati Vandana, inclusion of recommendations of a group of experts in the agenda, and extension of invitation to the Chairman of a NGO—"Friends of Tribal Society"—to address the gathering. The recommendations of the Group of experts were withdrawn from the agenda items for discussion. The invitation to the Chairman of the NGO was also withdrawn. The important decisions taken in the Conference are given in the Statement (Refer to Statement appended toU.Q. No. 713)

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scrapping of the Lecture proposed to be delivered by Prof. Amartya Sen

732. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Report captioned "Amartya a Bore, Let Joshi Take the Floor", published in the "Statesman" dated 14th November, 1998;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Governing Body of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla has been re-constituted and the newly constituted body has scrapped the name of Prof. Amartya Sen, Noble Laureaut, who was deemed to deliver the prestigious Radha-krishnan Memorial Lecture, some time early next year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a also a fact that Hon'ble Human Resource Development Minister, has been requested to substitute Prof. Sen; and

(e) if so, the basis and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) On the expiry of its term, the Governing Body of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla was re-constituted on 20th July, 1998. The Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla has informed that the name of Prof. Amartya Sen did not figure in the Governing Body deliberation on 15.10.1998 regarding the invitation for the delivery of the Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture. Prof. Sen was earlier invited twice on 28th January, 1987 and 16th October, 1997 to deliver the lecture in September, 1997 and September, 1998 but he declined on both the occasion. The Governing Body has decided to invite Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Minister for Human Resource Development to deliver the 1999 Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture.

Planning Education Policy/Strategies

733. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister inaugurated, in New Delhi on 22nd October, 1998, the State Education Ministers' Conference which was held to plan the educational policy/strategies for our country;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof;

(c) whether any concrete programme for our primary education/higher education system was chalked out, indicating allocation of Central funds for such purposes during 1998-99, State-wise, as compared to 1997-98; and

(d) whether India's amendment for incorporation in UNESCO's recent world declaration on "higher education for next century" has been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.